

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the title as follows:

**ELECTRIC POWER-STEERING DEVICE MOTOR-DRIVEN POWER
STEERING APPARATUS**

Following the title, please insert the following paragraphs:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO PRIOR APPLICATION

This is a U.S. National Phase Application under 35 U.S.C. §371 of International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2004/017790 filed November 30, 2004, and claims the benefit of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-409449 filed December 8, 2003 both of which are incorporated by reference herein. The International Application was published in Japanese on June 23, 2005 as WO 2005/056367 A1 under PCT Article 21(2).

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- FIG. 4 is a view showing a relation of the tooth surface stress σ_s and the tooth thickness of the tooth top with respect to the tooth depth h of the small gear 6, in the case of setting E to 206000 N/mm², P_n to 946, N_b to 14 mm, Z_1 to 10, Z_2 to 97, m to 0.95, the pressure angle α to 25 degrees, the torsion angle β to 25 degrees, d_b to 10.308 mm, α_b to 25.283 degrees, β_g to 22.521 degrees, and N_b to 0.995. In FIG. 4, a circle mark indicates a tooth surface stress, and a rectangle mark indicates a value obtained by dividing the tooth thickness of the tooth top by the module value, respectively. --